

2016 Water Conservation Expo Agenda February 19, SFWMD HQ Auditorium



Vendor Exhibit Setup	7:30 – 8:30
Attendee Check-in	8:30 - 9:00
Welcome Melanie Peterson, SFWMD Governing Board Member	9:05 – 9:10
The Importance of Water Conservation in Florida Agriculture Jeff Sumner, P.E., Chief of State and Agricultural Policy, SFWMD	9:10 – 9:25
Addressing Resource Issues through Water Conservation: Central Florida Water Initiative Jim Fletcher, Director, UF/IFAS Osceola County Extension Office	9:25- 9:45
Innovation in Agriculture Irrigation: Today and Tomorrow Kati White Migliaccio, Ph.D., Professor, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, UF/IFAS	9:45 – 10:15
Vendor Exhibits; Break	10:15 – 11:00
 Water Conservation Success Stories (Panel Discussion and Q&A) Panel Moderator: Robert Wanvestraut, Senior Water Conservation Analyst, SFWMD Billy Kempfer, Kempfer Cattle Co., (sod & pasture) Chris Neuhofer, Alico Inc. (citrus) Randy Moss, Lipman Produce, LLC (row crops) Corey Lambert, Buckhorn Nursery (nurseries) Chuck Obern, C&B Farms (row crops) 	11:00 – 12:15
Vendor Exhibits; Lunch (on your own – Subway onsite)	12:15 – 1:30
 Agency Presentations and Funding Opportunities Rick Lusher, Ph.D., Director of FAWN, UF/IFAS Kelly Morgan, Ph.D. – UF/IFAS (research/grant opportunities) Bonnie Wolff Pelaez – Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services David DeMaio – Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MILs) Rosa Reyes – USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service 	1:30 – 3:00

Adjourn 3:00